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SUBJ: ISTANBUL AIRPORT TERRORISTS CHARGED WITH MURDER

REF: ISTANBUL 3183

1. AUGUST 26 MILLIYET REPORTS THAT TWO TERRORISTS WHO CARRIED OUT ATTACK ON EL AL PASSENGERS ON AUGUST 11 HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY LOCAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WITH MURDER UNDER SECTION 450 OF TURKISH CRIMINAL CODE AT ISTANBUL'S HEAVY PENALTY COURT. ARTICLE ALSO INDICATES THAT SUB-SECTIONS FOUR (MURDER WITH PREMEDITATION) AND FIVE(MURDER OF MORE THAN ONE PERSON) WERE INVOKED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN HIS SUIT AGAINST TWO TERRORISTS. PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IS DEATH.

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2. CASE NO APPEARS TO BE IN HANDS OF ISTANBUL HEAVY PENALTY COURT.

APPARENTLY NEXT STEP WILL BE TO PLACE IT ON DOCKET OF ONE OF THE SEVERAL THREE-JUDGE PANELS IN ISTANBUL WHICH TRY SUCH CASES, AND IT WILL BE PROSECUTED BY SPECIAL HEAVY PENALTY COURT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

3. CONGEN WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT FOR COMMENT THE LOCAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WHO PREPARED INITIAL INVESTIGATION AND FILED ABOVE CHARGES. HOWEVER, ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL, WHO SHEARE OUR INTEREST IN CASE, IS AWARE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND SEEMED PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF TURKISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN PURSUING CASE.

4. CONGEN WILL BE FOLLOWING THESE PROCEDURES CLOSELY AND WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, SUCH AS DATE FOR TRIAL.
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